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Sir:

This is an RCE submission in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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* not less than 20 ** not less than 3				TOTAL \$ -0-

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## **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.  If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.  If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.